

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-6 and 14-17 were pending at the time of the Office Action.

Claims 1 and 3-6 are allowed.

The Examiner indicated that claims 16 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 16 is rewritten in independent form incorporating the subject matter of the base claim 14 and dependent claim 15. Claim 17 is dependent from claim 16 and is therefore concomitantly amended. Applicant understands that claims 16 and 17 are now allowable.

Claims 14 and 15 are cancelled without prejudice or acquiescence. The cancelling of these claims renders the rejection under 35 USC § 103 moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized during prosecution of this application and any related appeal, to charge any fees that may be required (except for patent issue fees required under 37 CFR §1.18) or to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. Please ensure that Attorney Docket No. **7272-132/10314101** is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case. If an extension of time is required in connection with this paper, please consider this a Petition therefor and charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 50-0337.

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Respectfully submitted,



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